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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER - THE VIEW FROM HERB'S TEE

This will be my last message to you as President of MISGA. May I say that it has been a most pleasurable two years for me and I hope that most of my acts have met with your majority approval. Of course I can never hope to satisfy everyone and do justice to the principles for which MISGA stands. All in all I have tried to be even-handed and fair to all. Where I may have failed, I plead human frailty.

Looking back over the past two years, I see a MISGA which has grown to forty member clubs and over twenty-seven hundred Associates. Every outing, tournament, and number of mixers seems to break every previous record, with no limits viewed down the road. We computerized the Associates' records and now have the capability of communicating directly with each Associate, a problem that MISGA struggled with for many years. We have gained a tax-free status with the IRS but have fallen short with the U.S. Postal Service in gaining tax-free mailing privileges. We are not giving up on this. It will just take a little longer to accomplish.

FOXFIRE has again been very popular and in fact was oversubscribed by over fifty applications. We will either have to have several sections going to FOXFIRE or encourage them to expand their facilities. The trips to Mexico are also quite popular with two sections going next February under the guidance of Sam Hastings and Duane Swindle.

The MISGA Championship last year saw a full field of 72 teams compete at Indian Spring CC and this year another Championship will have a full field at Sparrows Point CC. The four MISGA Divisions held successful Divisional Championships this year as well as Individual Championships in three of the four Divisions. Mixers were too numerous to mention in this brief space. The Mixers are what make MISGA unique and are the basis for MISGA's existence.

Needless to say, no one can do this job by himself. I have been blessed with an abundance of talented, helpful, and ever-available associates who are pledged to the growth and improvement of MISGA. My tenure as President would have been immeasurably more difficult without my strong arm, Harry Brvan, who has always been there to assist in any way possible or just listen while I bounced ideas at him; Bill Woolston, with his presidential experience, was always ready to help and carried, voluntarily, the difficult task as Editor of the MISGAgram; Duane Swindle has done yeoman service as Chairman of the Policy-Plans Committee; Ed Maguire has been an active advisor, particularly in helping me understand the concerns and problems of the Eastern Shore; Bob Evans for all of his activities as 1983 Tournament Chairman and 1984 FOXFIRE Coordinator; John Wheeler for his continuing work on the history of MISGA; and last but not least, Sid Rapoport and Ted Hayward, Treasurer and Secretary respectively, who truly anchor the Board. You were all essential to me and I am deeply grateful.

Herb Hudson  
President

## MISGA MEXICAN FLING - 1985

As we reported in the Spring 1984 MISGAgram, the first MISGA Mexican Fling, held in Guadalajara last February, was so popular with those who went that it was decided to repeat the event in 1985. Shortly after the announcement was made, the 1985 Mexican Fling was over-subscribed. Because so many people were disappointed, the Board of Directors has arranged for a second group to make the trip immediately after the first group returns.

Section I, which is sold out, departs from Washington National Airport on February 5th. Section II departs February 13th from BWI. According to the flyer previously distributed, the Mexical Fling includes "8 days of perfect weather in the mid-70's". The group will play on three excellent golf courses in Guadalajara and will stay at the 4-Star El Tapatio Hotel. The special rate of \$675 per person includes round trip air fare, hotel accommodations, all baggage fling and ground transportation, including sight-seeing in Guadalajara, a welcoming cocktail party, and a special MISGA dinner at Posada Ajajic. Golf fees and meals are not included, but both are very reasonable.

Section II still has room for eight people. Anyone interested should contact Duane Swindle, 869-5612, or Sam Hastings, 598-6171, for further information. Special Note: After November 15th, any vacancies which still exist may be filled by non-members of MISGA on a first come-first served basis. FLASH !!! Some vacancies have now developed in Section I also, as of 10/17/84. Contact Duane or Sam if you are interested!

The 1984 Spring Fling, held at the Green Hill Yacht and Country Club in Salisbury and the Massawango Country Club in Snow Hill, on May 10th and 11th, was the largest such event ever held by MISGA, with 288 men playing 18 holes of golf at each of the two clubs. A number of ladies also played at the Ocean City Golf and Yacht Club. In addition, an outstanding program of activities was provided for the non-golfing wives.

MISGA's thanks are extended to the club members and members of the staff at Green Hill and Nassawango for their courtesy in making their facilities available to us and for the friendship and hospitality they extended to all those who took part in the two-day affair.

We are especially grateful to Bill Ransdell of Green Hill and Jim Cabler of Nassawango, Co-Chairmen, and to all the other members of the Spring Fling Committee for the outstanding job they did in organizing and running this very successful two-day event.

#### FOXFIRE FALL FROLIC

The Annual Fall Frolic for 1984 will again be held at the Foxfire Inn and Country Club, in Pinehurst, N.C., from Monday, November 12th through Friday, November 16th. Monday will be a practice round, with organized events scheduled for the other four days. The tremendous popularity of this event is attested to by the fact that it was a complete sell-out within two weeks of the mailing of the announcements. Individual notices were mailed out this year to all MISGA Associates whose addresses were on file at MISGA headquarters.

Those who were there last year are again looking forward to a fun-filled week, and those who are going for the first time are eagerly anticipating what promises to be a great experience for everyone. The outstanding dining and lodging facilities, the activities for the non-golfing wives, and the two excellent golf courses provide the necessary ingredients for a great time. Let's all pray for good weather to make the week complete.

#### A WORD ABOUT MISGA POLICIES

Some questions have arisen about the relatively few MISGA Associates who belong to more than one country club. The policy is that an Associate joins MISGA only once and may be counted for MISGA purposes only at the club at which he pays his MISGA dues. This will provide an accurate overall count of MISGA Associates and will prevent multiple counting when clubs are allotted quotas for Division and MISGA tournaments.

A word is also in order about MISGA policy regarding "mandatory lunches". Please remember that MISGA has no control over the policies of individual country clubs, but individuals are urged to remain for lunch, drinks, and conviviality in support of the country clubs and for the fellowship which should be an important part of all MISGA events. A word of caution: Country clubs may not be eager to continue waiving green fees for MISGA events unless some compensation is forthcoming.

#### THREE MISGA BOARD MEMBERS COMPLETE THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE

On September 30th, three members of the MISGA Board of Directors - Ed Maguire of Caroline Country Club, Director of Division I, Herb Hudson, Director of Division III, and also President of MISGA, from Indian Spring Country Club, and Duane Swindle of Montgomery Village Country Club, representing Division IV - completed their terms of office. Since MISGA's By-Laws provide that no elected member of the Board may serve two successive terms, their replacements were chosen by their respective Divisions. The Secretary, Treasurer, and the chairmen of all standing committees are also members of the Board, but do not have a vote. There is no restriction on the length of time they may serve.

Everyone in MISGA owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to Ed, Herb, and Duane for the outstanding contributions they made to the organization during their years of service on the Board. They will be sorely missed.

Elected to succeed the retiring members of the Board were the following: From Division I, Francis McKee of the Elks Club; from Division III, Gil Williams of the University of Maryland Golf Club; and from Division IV, Dick Redinger of Bethesda Country Club. McKee and Williams will also serve as Division Directors of their respective divisions.

#### NECROLOGY

We regret to report the passing of several members of MISGA who were active in a wide variety of seniors golf activities.

Obie Erlenmeyer, of Montgomery Country Club, died unexpectedly in January, 1984. He was active both in MISGA and in the Free State Seniors Golf Association of Maryland.

Jack Malone, President of the Ocean Pines Men's Golf Association, and an active member of MISGA, also died in January.

Philip Wendell Constance, a charter member of the MISGA group at Prospect Bay Country Club, died of cancer in March, 1984.

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Oliver (Otts) Covell and John Russ, both active members of the seniors' group at Sparrows Point Country Club, died during the past summer. Otts Covell was stricken while attending a golf event and crab feast at the club and died on the way to the hospital.

All of us in MISGA extend sincere sympathy to the families of these gentlemen. They will be missed.

Editor's Note: If we have failed to include the names of any other MISGA Associates who passed away during the year, it is because we had not been informed of their passing... Club Reps are urged to send this information to the editor.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND'S OUTSTANDING SENIORS

Many golf clubs in Maryland and around the nation may have one outstanding senior golfer among their members, but there are probably very few that can match the University of Maryland's "dynamic duo" of Bill McFerren, Sr. and Gil Williams.

Last July the University of Maryland Seniors Golf Association held a special celebration in honor of the accomplishments of William Bryan McFerren, Sr. Bill McFerren, who celebrated his eightieth birthday in August, is a nine handicapper who plays a round of golf almost every day. During his golfing career, Bill teamed up with one or another of his three sons, all of whom played on the golf team at the University of Maryland, to win a total of five Middle Atlantic and Maryland State Golf Association tournaments. Bill continues to "shoot his age" several times a year and has done so every year since the age of sixty-seven. Bill and his partner, Davis Ahearn, qualified for the MISGA State Championship tournament this year. Bill's golfing career began in Kansas on sand greens when he was eighteen, and he has thus been playing for over sixty years. We congratulate him on his achievements and wish him many more years of outstanding golf in the future.

Gil Williams, who has served on MISGA's Board of Directors in the past and who has just been reelected for another three-year term beginning in October, won the University of Maryland Golf Club Championship this past summer at the age of seventy. Included in the field were many golfers less than a third of Gil's age, including some who played varsity golf at the University of Maryland in recent years. Our sincere congratulations to Gil for his remarkable achievement.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

I. INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Division II, Don Falconer, Director, and Division IV, Sam Hastings, Director, again held individual championship tournaments for golfers in their respective divisions in 1984. Both these tournaments were very successful and attracted large fields.

Both these tournaments featured individual competition in four handicap divisions, and both of them generated a great deal of enthusiasm among the participants. Since most MISGA events feature either two-man teams or foursomes, the individual competition seems to provide a welcome change of pace. Both these events this year were sell-outs.

DIVISION II INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

At Piney Branch Golf and Country Club, on August 6, 1984.

Handicap Division "A"

Low Gross - G. Fanshaw, Piney Branch  
1st Low Net- J. Insley, V.F.W.

Handicap Division "B"

Low Gross - B. Davis, Piney Branch  
1st Low Net- C. Petranek, Eaglehead

Handicap Division "C"

Low Gross - W. Wessell, Piney Branch  
1st Low Net- B. Huzzy, Eaglehead

Handicap Division "D"

Low Gross - J. Speece, Sparrows Point  
1st Low Net- R. Godman, Piney Branch

DIVISION IV INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

At Manor Country Club on July 9, 1984.

Handicap Division "A"

Low Gross - C. Wideman, Montgomery  
1st Low Net - W. Urie, Manor

Handicap Division "B"

Low Gross - W. Robertson, Manor  
1st Low Net - R. Culvin, Bethesda

Handicap Division "C"

Low Gross - J. Hurd, Montgomery  
1st Low Net - O. Wright, Montgomery Village

Handicap Division "D"

Low Gross - P. O'Connell, Lakewood  
1st Low Net - H. Meyer, Lakewood

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**II. MISGA TWO-MAN TEAM DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS****DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONS**

Division I - Green Hill Yacht and Country Club, August 16, 1984

R. Jones and F. Drews, Talbot C.C.

Division II - Eaglehead Country Club, September 10, 1984

F. Musser and H. Shook, Eaglehead C.C.

Division III - Prince Georges Country Club, September 10, 1984

W. Putnam and H. Stumpf, Pr. Georges C.C.

Division IV - Kenwood Country Club, September 10, 1984

C. Calo and W. Ferguson, Bethesda C.C.

**III. MISGA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP - At Sparrows Point Country Club, October 8, 1984**

The winners were Howard Valentine and Jim Adams of the host club, with a net score of 61. The runner-up spot went to K. Rembold and T. Siriano of the Naval Academy Golf Club, who had a net score of 63. They took second place by a match of cards over G. Vincent and N. Bishop of Prospect Bay, who also had a net score of 63, and placed third.

4th. (65) S. Comings and D. Cady, U. of Md.	13th. (67) R. Moore and B. Ramsdell, Green Hill
5th. (65) H. Bethke and L. Wiehrle, Sparrows Pt.	14th. (67) G. Kerchner & D. Rowden, Ocean City
6th. (65) G. Tears and E. Fritz, Wakefield	15th. (67) L. Nettleton & J. Richmond, Br. Manor
7th. (65) J. Leonard and B. Davis, Elks Club	16th. (68) W. Robertson and D. Leahy, Manor
8th. (65) V. Donnally and D. McGaughan, Bethesda	17th. (68) J. Miller and M. Panek, Ocean Pines
9th. (66) B. Angel and F. Johnston, Eaglehead	18th. (68) B. Coy and G. Myers, Piney Branch
10th. (66) R. Smith and E. Mowbray, Cambridge	19th. (68) H. Shoppert and L. Larson, Oc. Pines
11th. (66) B. Dorrell and B. Huzty, Eaglehead	20th. (68) S. Bebee and J. Tilghman, Caroline
12th. (67) S. Homan and F. McKee, Elks Club	21st. (68) S. Kent and C. Slack, Talbot
22nd. D. Ahearn and N. Lyddane, U. of Md. (68)	

Tournament Chairman Frank Bucharewicz, his tournament committee, and host professional Norm Vacovsky and his staff are to be congratulated on the excellent arrangements for the tournament and for the very smooth manner in which it was conducted. MISGA also wishes to thank the members and the Board of Governors of Sparrows Point Country Club for making their very fine course available to us for the tournament.

**NEW OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1985**

At the first meeting of the new MISGA Board of Directors, held on October 17, 1985, at the Holly Hills Country Club, Sam Hastings was elected President and Gil Williams was elected Vice President of MISGA for the coming year. Ted Hayward, Secretary, and Sid Rapoport, Treasurer, were re-elected to those positions. The following committee assignments were also made: Tournament Committee Chairman, Doug Moats, of Montgomery C.C.; Computer Operations, Herb Hudson, Indian Spring C.C.; Auditing, Ed Abel, Indian Spring C.C.; MISGAgram Editor, Bill Woolston, Hunt Valley G.C.; Harry Bryan, Crofton C.C., Associates Program. Other appointments will be made later.

The MISGA Board of Directors for the coming year will be constituted as follows:

President	Sam Hastings, Argyle C.C. Also Div. IV Director. 598-6171.
Vice President	Gil Williams, U. of Md. G.C. Also Div. III Director. 935-3161.
* Secretary	Ted Hayward, Eaglehead C.C. 371-6519.
* Treasurer	Sid Rapoport, Hobbits Glen G.C. 997-5835.
* President-Emeritus	Al Hagen, Ft. Myers, Fla. 813-482-4466.
Director, Division I	Francis McKee, Elks Club G.C. 742-2600.
Member, Division I	Sam Bebee, Caroline C.C. 228-6046.
Director, Division II	Don Falconer, Eaglehead C.C. 663-0115.
Member, Division II	Hal Renegar, Holly Hills C.C. 663-5944.
Member, Division III	Harry Bryan, Crofton C.C. 261-0905.
Member, Division IV	Dick Redinger, Bethesda C.C. 365-1661.

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